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SUBJECT: CCMS FALL PLENARY AGENDA

(A) USNATO 4980 (B) USNATO 4865

SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 16, THE CCMS REPS MET TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE FALL PLENARY. REFERENCES TO THE AGENDA ITEMS ARE KEYED TO THE TEXT IN REF (A). PLEASE ADDRESS THE POINTS RAISED AT THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON PREP MEETING.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 16, THE CCMS REPS MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) TO REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE FALL PLENARY (REF. A) THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY JAMES SAMPAS, IS.

2. SAMPAS OPENED THE MEETING BY ASKING FOR REACTION TO THE IDEA OF ALLOWING THE PRESS TO ATTEND THE OPENING
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SESSION AND THE ROUND TABLE. SINCE NONE OF THE REPS HAD INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT, ONLY PERSONAL VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED. SCHNELLER (FRG) WONDERED WHETHER THE QUALITY AND FRANKNESS OF THE ROUND TABEL WOULD SUFFER

IF IT WERE OPEN TO THE PRESS. GUELLUY (FRANCE) FEARED THAT THE ROUND TABLE PAPERS WOULD DEGENERATE INTO SELF-JUSTIFYING OR CONGRATUALATORY TRACTS. CLIS (GREECE) POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO HAVE THE PRESS WITNESS THE EXIT OF THE SG OR THE AMBASSADORS DURING THE ROUND TABLE. SALVO (ITALY) SPOKE AGAINST INVITING THE PRESS TO THE ROUND TABLE. THE US REP SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE TO HAVE THE PRESS ATTEND THE FALL ROUND TABLE. PERHAPS THE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD DISCUSS IN OCTOBER THE IDEA OF INVITING THE PRESS TO THE ROUND TABLE AT THE SPRING PLENARY IN DUSSELDORF. SCHNELLER SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE DIFFICULT TO OPEN THE SPRING ROUND TABLE TO THE PRESS BECUASE MORE CONTROVERSIAL THEMES MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN IT. THE US REP OBJECTED THAT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES WERE A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST; IT MIGHT BE VALUABLE TO USE THE ROUND TABLES AS A MEANS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC. SERDAROGLU (TURKEY) RECOMMENDED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES, FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, AT THE FALL PLENARY. SAMPAS CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY OBSERVING THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE A CONSENSUS THAT THE PRESS NOT BE INVITED TO ANY SESSIONS OF THE FALL PLENARY.

2. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF ITEM I ON THE AGENDA, THE ROUND TABLE.

3. IN CONSIDERING ITEM II, REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON FOLLOW-UP OF PILOT STUDIES, KLETTE (IS) ASKED WHAT PAPERS THE US WOULD DISTRIBUTE IN REGARD TO II (A), AIR POLLUTION. (PLEASE ADVISE)

4. HANSON (CANADA SAID THAT IN REGARD TO II (B), INLAND WATER POLLUTION, CANADA HAD NOT YET RECEIVED NATIONAL EVALUATION REPORTS SO COULD NOT PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. CANADA DID, HOWEVER, INTEND TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE PLENARY.
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5. SINCE THE BELGIAN REP WAS ABSENT, KLETTE SAID THAT HE KNEW BELGIUM HAD NOT YET RECEIVED NATIONAL REPORTS ON II 9C), OCEAN OIL SPILLS, AND THUS WOULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL AN ORAL REPORT TO THE PLENARY WOULD BE MADE. KLETTE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO AC/274-N/59 OF SEPT. 10, 1976, A NOTE BY THE CCMS SECRETARY ON FOLLOW-UP OF PILOT STUDIES.

6. REGARDING II (D), DISASTER ASSISTANCE, SALVO REPORTED THAT ITALIAN EXPERTS WERE PREPARING A REPORT ON THE FRUILI EARTHQUAKE OPERATION AND MIGHT MAKE A REPORT TO THE PLENARY. THE US REP SAID THE US WAS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF QUICKLY PASSING

INFORMATION ON EARTHQUAKE OCCURRENCES TO NATO CAPITALS
VIA TELETYPE AND MIGHT SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT
AT THE PLENARY.

7. UNDER ITEM III, POSSIBLE NEW PILOT STUDIES, THE US
REP EXPLAINED THAT THE US PLANNED TO SUGGEST AT THE PLENARY THAT AN AD
HOC MEETING BE CALLED TO DISCUSS THE
FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSING A DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY AT
DUSSELDORF. THE IS MEMBERS ENDORSED SUCH A PROCEDURE.

8. IN REGARD TO ITEM IV, PROGRESS OF PILOT STUDIES,
IS REPORTED THAT THE UK WOULD PRESENT AN ORAL OR
WRITTEN REPORT ON ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT (IV(B))
THE US REP SAID IN REGARD TO ITEMS IV (D), THE US HOPED TO HOST
A MEETING ON THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES, MAY 9-13,
1977 IN WASHINGTON AND AWAITED ALLIED REACTION ON THE
MEETING'S TIMING AND LOCATION.

9. THE US REP STATED THAT THE US HOPED TO GIVE A
NEW DIRECTION AND IMPETUS TO THE AUTOMATIVE PROPUSLION SYS-
TEMS PILOT STUDY (IV(G)) AND WOULD DISCUSS ITS IDEAS AT THE
PLENARY.

10. HANSON SAID THAT CANADA PLANNED TO PROPOSE THAT
THE NUTRITION AND HEALTH PILOT STUDY (IV(I)) HOLD AN
EVALUATION MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1977 TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK
FOR A WORKSHOP AT THE END OF 1977. A FINAL REPORT WOULD
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BE PRESENTED AT THE SPRING OR FALL PLENARY IN 1978.
HANSON REQUESTED THAT THE QUESTIONNAIRES CIRCULATED
BY CANADA BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

11. SAMPAS, OPENING THE DISCUSSION ON ITEM V, THE
CCMS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, SAID THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT
COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED A BF 300,000 RAISE IN THE PROGRAM'S
BUDGET. THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE WOULD NOW CONSIDER
THESATTER BUT NO DECISION WOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE
PLENARY (REF B). SERDAROGLU REQUESTED THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE CIRCULATION OF APPLIATION FORMS FOR
CCMS FELLOWSHIPS WSO THAT INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS MAKE
TIMELY SUBMITTALS. THE IS AGREED TO EXPLORE THE POSSI-
BILITY OF DISTRIBUTING THE APPLICATION FORMS BEFORE THE
END OF THE YEAR. THE TURKISH REP ALSO AKSED IF GOOD
CCMS FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH PAPERS COULD BEPRINTED AND
DISTRIBUTED. SAMPAS REPLIED THAT THERE WERE SO FUNDS
TO DO SO, BUT THAT VARIOUS FELLOWSHIPS PAPERS WOULD BE
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION DURING THE PLENARY.

12. ON TAKING UP ITEM VI, NEXT PLENARY SESSION, SAMPAS
POINTED OUT THAT A ROUND TABLE TOPIC SHOULD BE SELECTED
FOR THE DUSSELDORF MEETING AT THE FALL PLENARY.

SCHNELLER SAID THAT THE FRG AS HOST OF THE SPRING
PLENARY WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ROUND TABLE.
HANSON SAID THAT CANAD'S SUGGESTION, THAT THE LOSS
OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO URBANIZATION BE DISCUSSED,
WAS STILLUP FOR CONSIDERATION.

13. IS REQUESTED THAT DELEGATIONS PROVIDE AS MANY
PAPERS (FOLLOW-UP, PROGRESS REPORTS, ETC.) AS POSSIBLE
IN ADVANCE OF THE PLENARY SO THAT THEY CAN BE DISTRIBUTED
TO ALL DELEGATIONS. SUCH A PROCEDURE WILL FACILITATE
AN INFORMED EXCHANGE DURING PLENARY DISCUSSIONS.

14. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) THAT THE TOPICS CONSIDERED
AT THE CCMS AGENDA MEETING BE ADDRESSED IN WASHINGTON PREP
MEETING. (2) THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE USNATO AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH PLENARY REPORTS, OR SUMMARIES OF
THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE TO
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